



ALTA VISTA  
HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB

# Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, March 20, 2023**

**2022-2023 Academic Year**

# In Attendance

Note- Some members in attendance via zoom

Name	Representing (self, committee, initiative)	Name	Representing (self, committee, initiative)
Lauren Jewell	President	Cathy Bailey	Principal
Claire Kalia	Vice President	Deanna Wall	Co-Treasurer
Kim Larson	VP Membership	Amy Meyer	Co-Treasurer
Ellen Harris Pierpoint	VP Fundraising	Farrah Hoenhe	Corresponding Secretary
April Benoit	Recording Secretary	Jessica Lucke	Historian
	Auditor	Ryan Greco	VP Enrichment
Tanya Yates	Teacher Rep- K-2nd	Liz Werner	Teacher Rep-3rd-5th

Names in gray text = absent

Names in blue text in attendance via zoom

Voting quorum reached:  yes      Begin: 6:36pm      End: 8:30pm

## 1. President Call to Order and Welcome/ Approval of Minutes - Lauren Jewell

- ❖ Last month's meeting minutes approved
- ❖ Moving Misha Seth to April agenda

## 2. Teacher Update - Tanya Yates/Liz Werner

- ❖ Tanya Yates- K-2nd
  - K-
    - Going to Makerspace each week now
    - Finishing up Foundations pilot
    - Spring Fling coming up- rotate classrooms

- 1st-
  - Launching Social Studies curriculum
  - Starting a play in a couple weeks
- 2nd-
  - Going to Makerspace with Mrs. Landolt- Coding
  - Loving new music program
  - Working on figuring out 2nd grade field trips for Fall
- ❖ Liz Werner- 3rd-4th
  - 3rd-
    - Learning fractions in math
    - Presenting Marine Animal reports- Dioramas for marine animal habitats
    - Sanborn Park field trip in April- learn about the Ohlone
    - Piloting science program through TCI- if approved, 2024
    - Auction Teacher Adventure hike in April at Villa Montalvo
  - 4th-
    - Learning decimals in math
    - Gold Rush-Gold Rush or Bust musical- Gold Rush Day
    - Learning about energy in Science
  - 5th-
    - Learning about volume- rectangular prisms
    - Plots- Storyworks periodical
    - Getting ready for Science Camp
    - Studying the Constitution and Bill of Rights

### 3 . Principal & LCAP Update

- Cathay Bailey

- ❖ Sent LCAP presentation by email to board members
- ❖ Chorus performance
  - Beatles
  - 50 students participating

- ❖ CAASPP testing prep- after Science Camp
- ❖ Science Camp- 1 student needs full scholarship, 1 needs partial scholarship
- ❖ Transition meetings with middle schools
  - Want Union and Dartmouth to know about “Target Students”
- ❖ “Kindergarten Round Up”
  - 2 Wednesdays in May
    - New students/TK come in to K classes
    - Teachers do little projects with them
- ❖ Lauren- Start up Kinder summer play dates
  - Designate someone to be in charge- distribute flyers, organize
  - All incoming Kinders invited
- ❖ Yates- Garden program starting back up
  - Parent volunteers pulling classes to come help plant

## 5. District/PLC Update

- Kim Larson/Lauren Jewell

- ❖ Kim- District meeting
  - Attended last week
  - Dartmouth was the school to watch
  - Rain affecting classrooms, students
  - Highlight was the report from Guadalupe
    - Enrichment programs at Guadalupe
      - Spelling Bee, Creative Writing, 3 Theater productions a year, Math challenges
    - Enrichment programs has impacted engagement at school
  - Art & Music grant being reduced after the next 2 FY
  - New requirement- schools to have a home to school transportation plan

- CA not increasing funding for transportation
- ❖ Lauren- PLC
  - Approving budget
  - Prop 28- 80% funding has to be spent on teachers & aids
  - A lot of our funding is due to attendance
    - ADA (Average Daily Attendance) has dropped post-Covid
      - More students out due to illness and families are viewing family time and vacations differently
  - District Wide Health Fair- 4/1/23, 2pm-5pm, Union Middle School
    - Activities, Therapy Petting Zoo
  - 5th-7th grade- Healthy Kids Survey
  - Big discussion on Chromebook usage
    - Multiple opinions on taking them home
    - Continuous learning provides access anytime
    - Parents struggling with kids on devices at home- making sure they're doing Zearn and not playing games or watching YouTube
  - Met with presidents and treasurers at other schools
    - Other school principals are not allowing a lot of things Cathy is
      - For exp.- Cathy started music program mid year
  - Alta Vista not the only school seeing decrease in donations, funding and volunteering
  - Different ideas to get new volunteers
    - Show and tell to parents
      - Show completed projects, talk to new parents and inform them about what the opportunities are
      - How to run clay, Art Vistas

## 5. Nominating Committee Update

- Lauren Jewell

- ❖ New member, Sarah Keith, here tonight
- ❖ Lindsay Hogan joining board
- ❖ Deanna- 2 years as treasurer is done- possibly be auditor
- ❖ Jessica graduating out
- ❖ April moving over to Fundraising
- ❖ Kim moving to Parliamentarian role
- ❖ Think of anyone who may be a good fit
- ❖ Refer to attachment sent with agenda- Volunteer list
  - Trying to get new people to take over some events and leads
  - Several graduating out next year

## 6. Treasurer's Report & Budget Review

- Deanna Wall/Amy Meyer

- ❖ \$226,571 in bank account
  - Projecting to still spend \$126K
- ❖ Field trips-
  - Ask teachers in April what field trips they want in order to budget better
  - Want to do 2 field trips per year
  - Reallocating left over bus money
- ❖ Yates- Teachers are wondering where Walk-a-Thon money was allocated, wondered if there was enough to do additional field trips
  - Too late to book any more field trips for this year
- ❖ Will reach out to teachers after budget is approved to let them know there's money

### ❖ Claire-

- No grant requests
- Project Linus, 3/25
- Spring survey used to go out to parents
  - Should we bring it back?
  - Use old template to start with
  - Send in April/May
- Spring Baskets are usually done, but there's interest in helping farm workers affected by flooding
  - Kids helping kids
  - Partner up with Ellen to help community that was evacuated

### ❖ Ellen-

- Auction earned \$20,600+
- Ended a little earlier than last year (9pm), will probably extend to 10pm
- Most action was on Wed and Sun
- Extended bidding this year- item stays open longer, until people stop bidding
  - Positive feedback on extended bidding
- Changed bidder names to numbers for anonymity
- Family hosted parties went well
- This year, another parent helped collect donations
  - Would like to get 1-2 more people dedicated to getting donations
- Would like suggestions on how to distribute items- Salina can help with smaller stuff
- Juice Co DFD 3/23- 20% goes back to AV
- Wooden Horse Easter Baskets- forms dropped off
  - Would like more time to collect forms if we do it again

### ❖ Ryan- Dad's Club

- Bocce Ball on for Fri. 5/12- 40 presolds
  - Website created- needs approval to collect payments/donations

- via Stripe
  - Deanna can separate payments between Fantasy Fair and Bocce Ball
- Enrichment- Tell him what volunteer needs are to relay to parents
- Sponsorships for Bocce Ball- tens of thousands \$\$
  - There is concern for people who committed to be sponsors for the whole year and were not given the opportunity to sponsor for events only
  - Event sponsorship ended in 2015- businesses had been told there was no event sponsorship and they had to commit to the whole year
- ❖ Kim- No updates
- ❖ Farrah-
  - Website updated- featuring events on homepage
  - Newsletter goes out 4/1- give any updates for newsletter
  - Earthquakes wants to host family night
    - Block of tickets- order through a link provided by Earthquakes
    - AV gets percentage back- similar to DFD
    - Will be either 6/17/23 or 6/24/23.
    - Just print flyers
    - No money handling needed
- ❖ April- No updates
- ❖ Jessica-
  - Need more letters for sign- wind blew a lot away
  - Putting book fair info on sign
  - Yates- There will be individual class time visits to book fair this time
- ❖ Lauren-
  - Kim agreed to do audit if someone else partners with her
    - Don has agreed to help Kim and future auditor
  - Claire offered to do audit
    - Hopefully done by 4/18 board meeting
  - Disappointed with track so far- rain damages



- Parenting seminar- 3/21
  - Only 13 people signed up
  - Will cancel and reschedule- lack of participation

## 8. Round Table Discussion/April Agenda Items

- All

- ❖ Lauren-
  - Fantasy Fair needs volunteers- people to take lead roles
  - Ellen and April will work on flyers for event

## Glossary of Abbreviations & Terms

Term:	Refers to:	Term:	Refers to:
AV	Alta Vista	K after a number	Indicates quantity of one thousand
AVHSC	Alta Vista Home and School Club	K, kinder	Kindergarten
CCP	Consolidated Classroom Payment	Maker Space	Designated area for STEAM (see below)
Consolidated Classroom Payment	parent payment covers all classroom activities, field trips, fees, etc. in one payment for the year	MSA	My School Anywhere; application for membership, directory, store, volunteer signups, etc.
HSC	Home and School Club	Online Store	in MSA, parents purchase most items related to school; CCP, donations, Library birthday books, Spirit Wear, event tickets, etc.
Board, The Board	elected & appointed officers of AVHSC	SR25	Safe Routes to School Program
blast	an email sent out to entire population of Alta Vista	SignUp Genius	Online application which manages volunteer sign up
BTSN	Back-to-School Night	STEAM, STEAM lab	Study combined concepts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math
Enrichment	multiple programs AVHSC funds which the state/District no longer fund, or fully fund, including Art, Clay, Library, Cornerstone, PE, etc.	TOSA, TOSAs	Teacher(s) On Special Assignment
District, the district, 'DO', USD	Union School District, District Office	Union, UMS	Union Middle School
DFD	Dining For Dollars		